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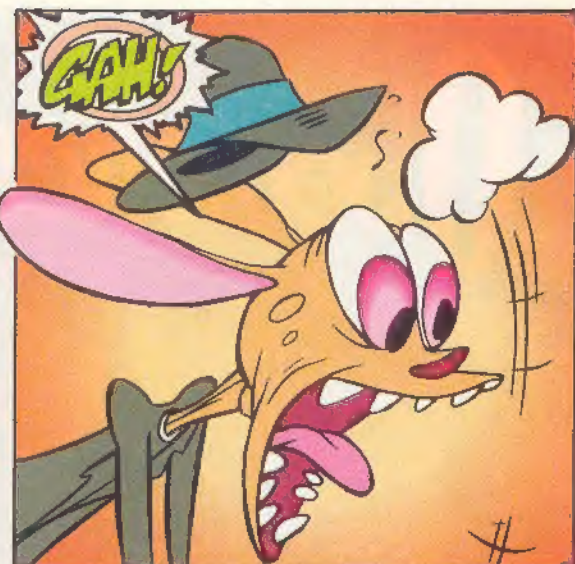
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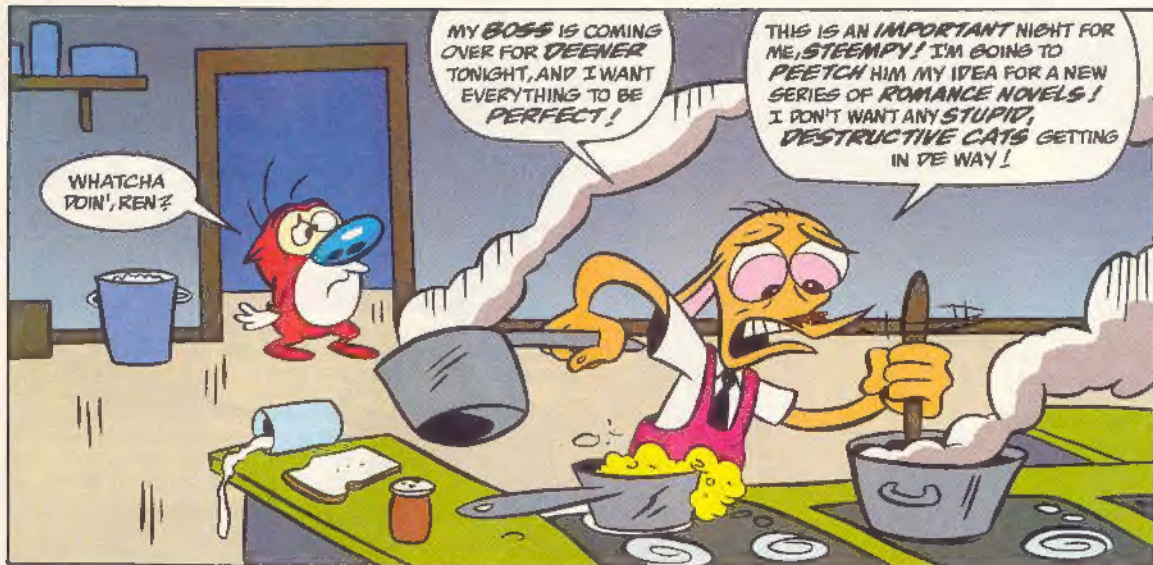
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OKAY, HERE'S THE SITUATION, MEESTER TOUGH-GUY PERSONAL TRAINER. MY FRIEND HERE IS AN EEDIOT.

HE BREAKS EVERYTHING HE TOUCHES! HE EATS EVERYTHING HE SEES! HIS LITTER BOX IS FEELTHY! HE THINKS THE WORLD IS HIS SCRATCHING POST!

SOUNDS LIKE HE HAS TROUBLE WITH DISCIPLINE. NO PROBLEM.

WE WILL TEACH HIM NOT TO STICK HIS CLAWS WHERE ZEY DON'T BELONG!

HERE AT PET U, WE GUARANTEE YOUR PET VILL GO FROM VILD TO MILD IN JUST TWO WEEKS!

GOOD LUCK, BUDDY! PERSONALLY, I THINK STIMPY IS TOO STUPID TO LEARN ANYTHING!



YOUR OLD MASTER IS GONE, KITTY, FOR DA NEXT TWO WEEKS, I AM YOUR MASTER!

VERROOOOM!

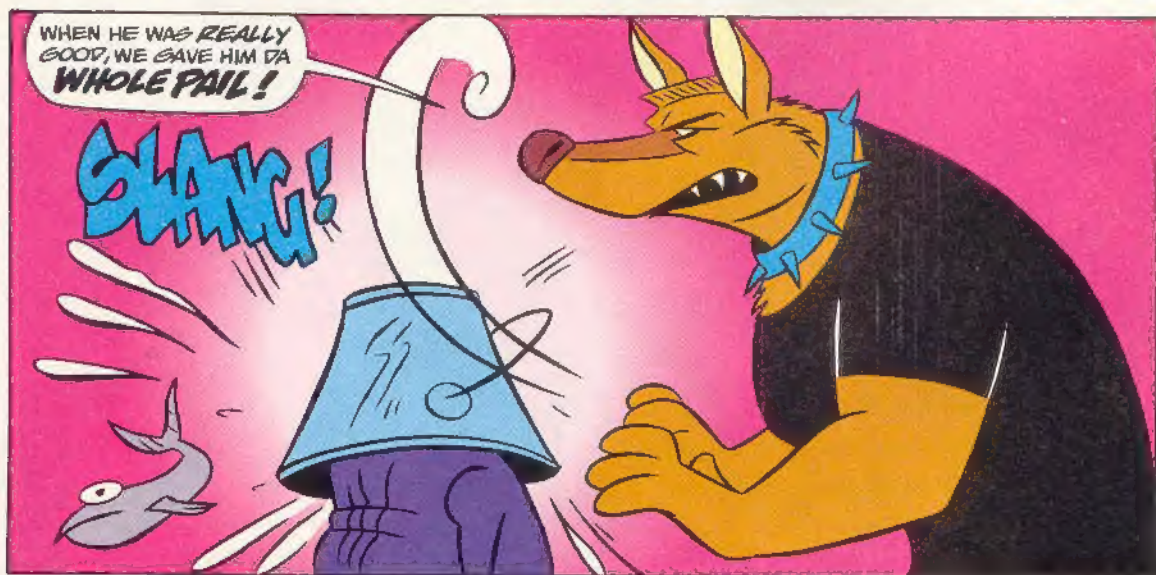
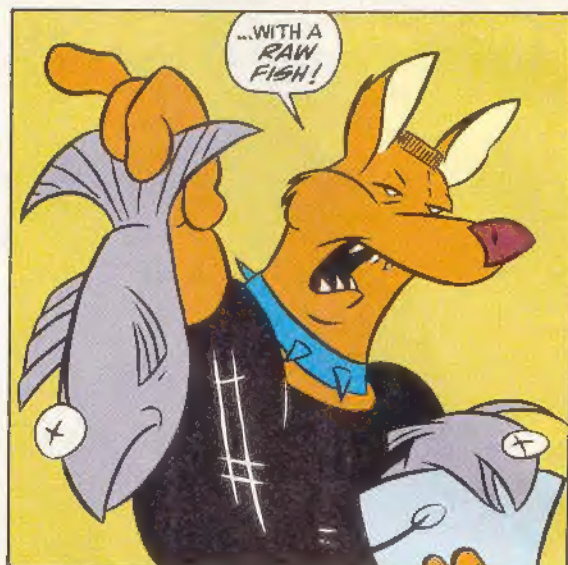
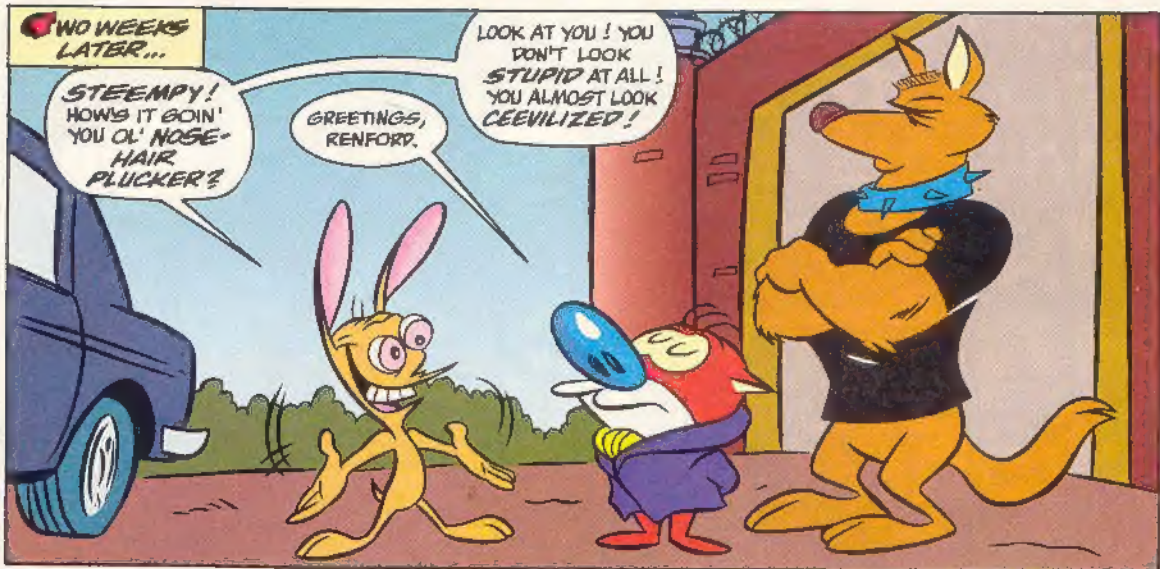
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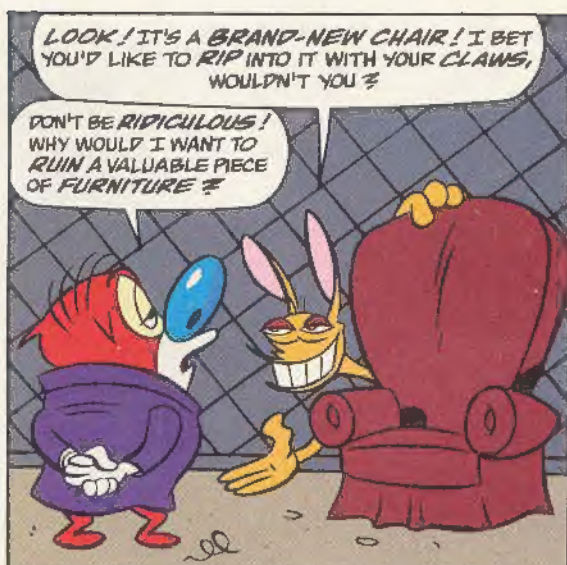


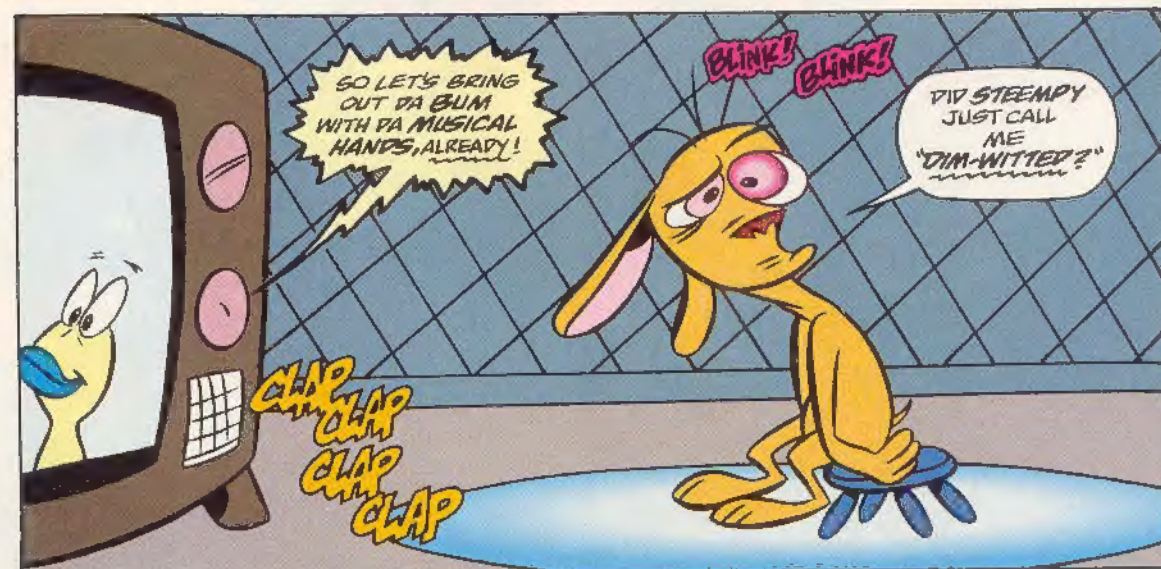
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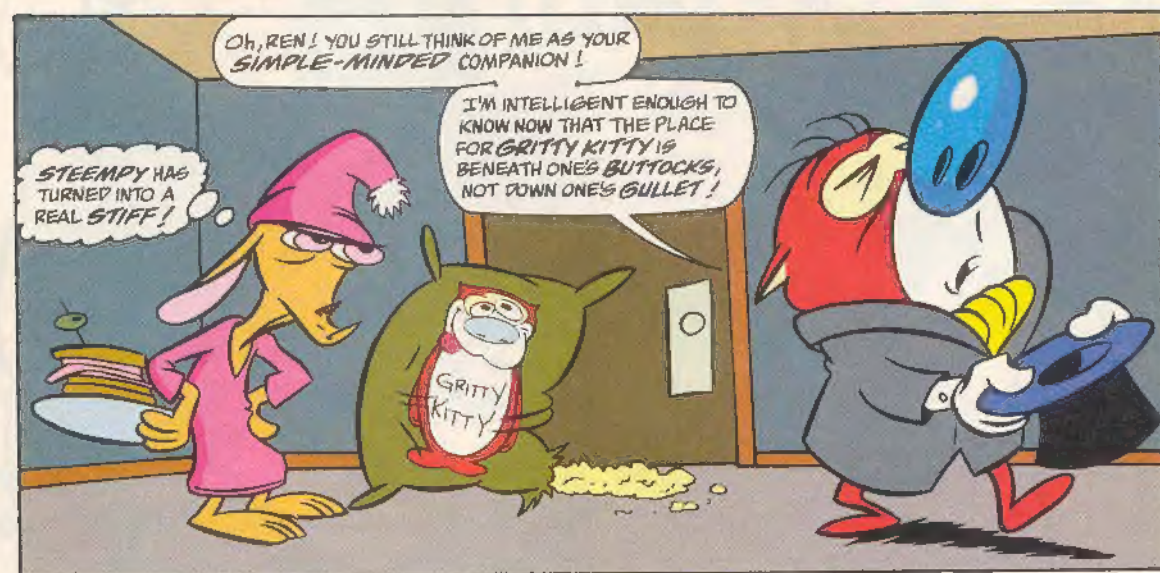
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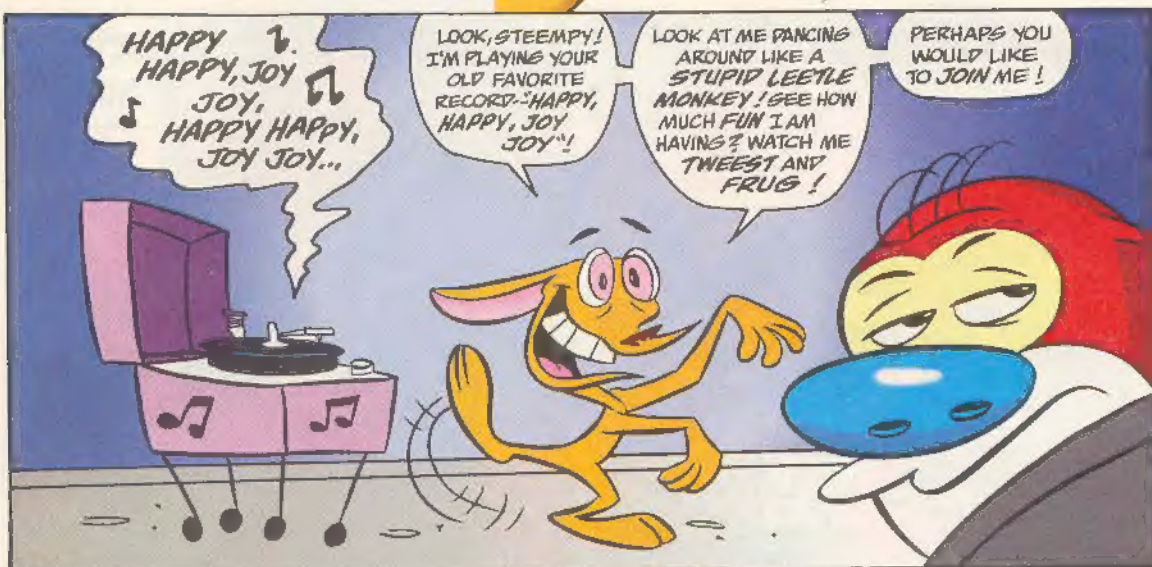


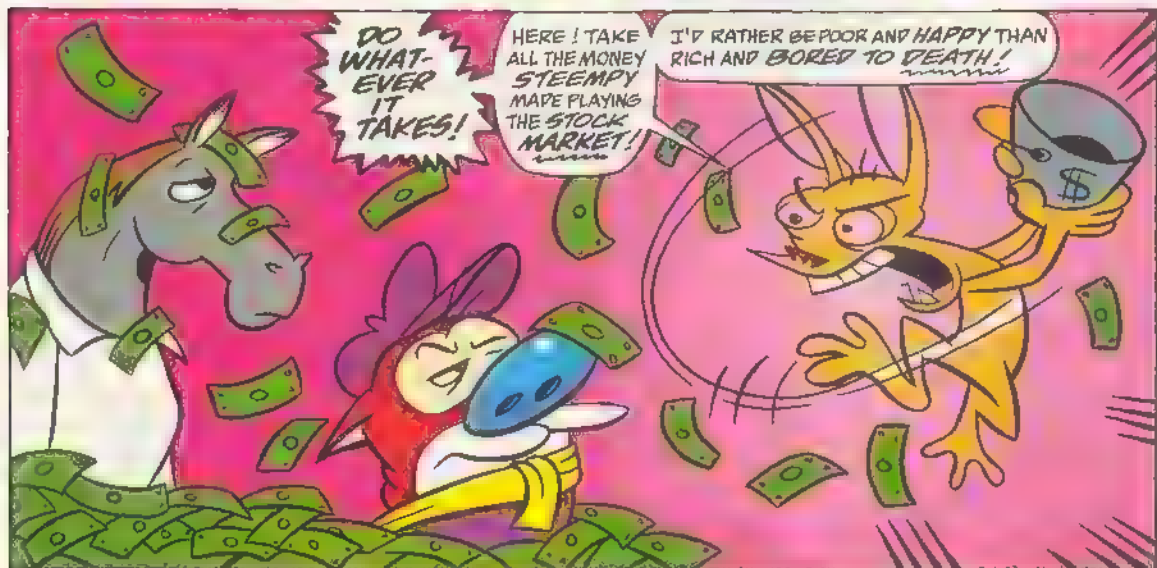
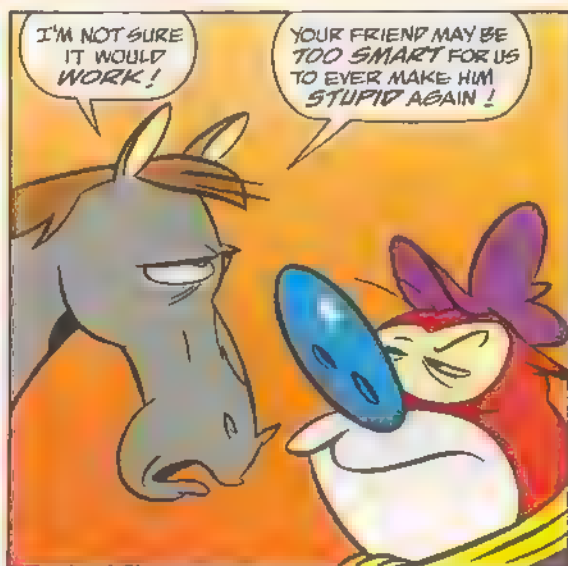
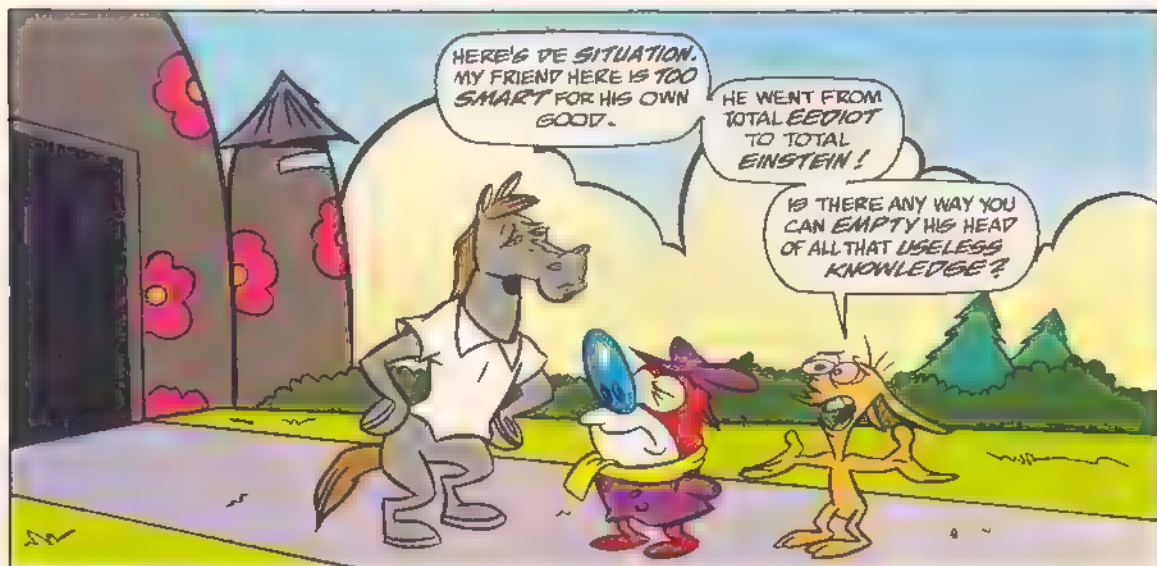


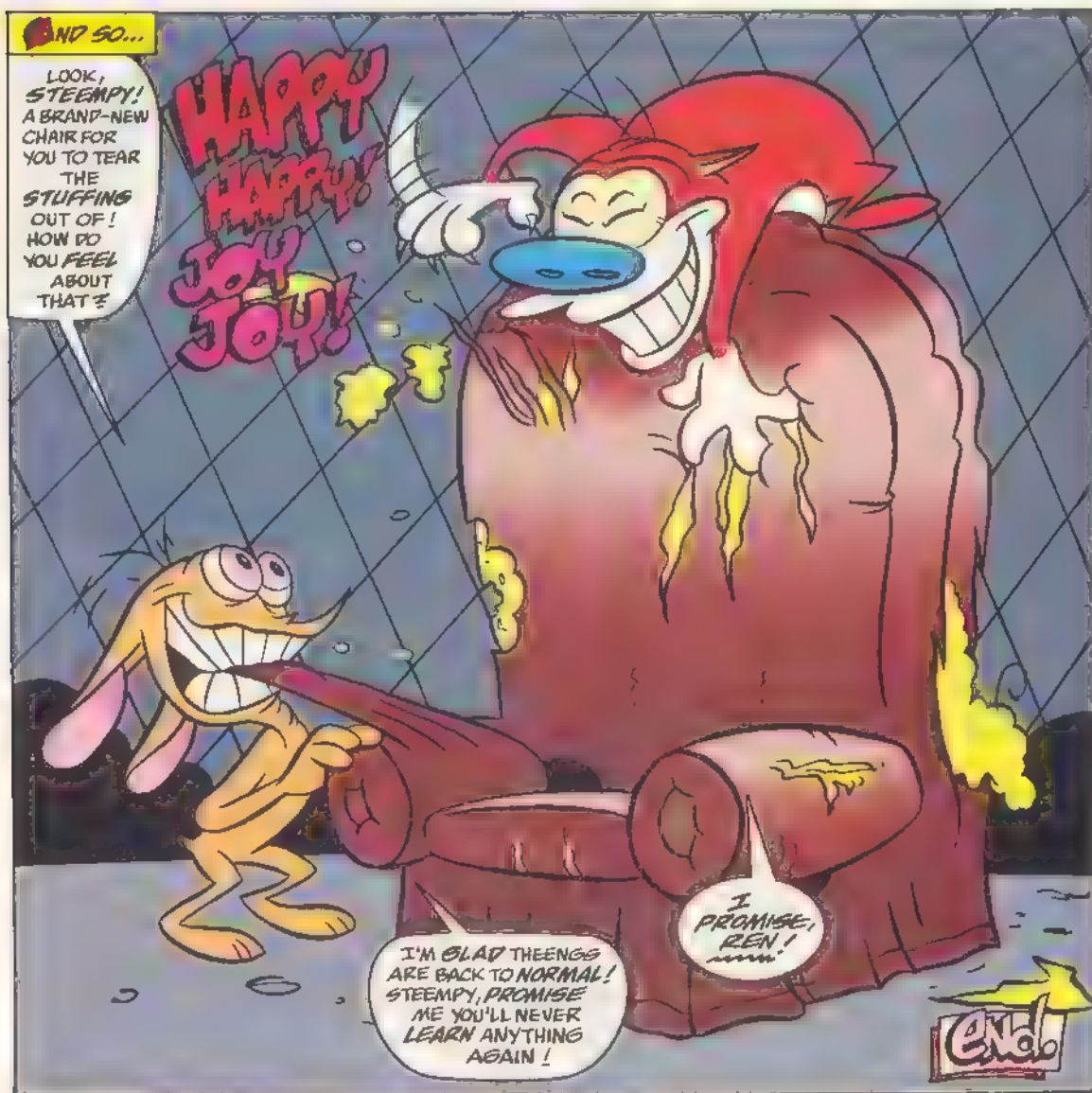
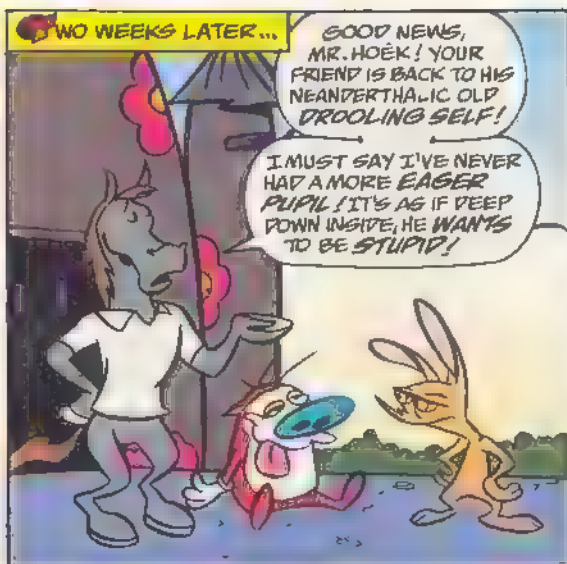


THE NEXT MORNING...

IF THIS DOESN'T DO THE TRICK, NOTHING WILL!







BRILLIANT SCIENTIST AND HIS TRUSTY ASSISTANT STRIVE TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL MANKIND THROUGH THE MIRACLE OF ATOMIC RADIATION... ONLY TO CREATE A MIRACLE GONE BERSERK!

WELL... YOU'RE RIGHT BUT THAT ISN'T GOING TO STOP US FROM TELLING THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF...

SILLY, YOU SAY Z FARFETCHED, YOU SAY Z IT COULD NEVER HAPPEN IN A MILLION YEARS, YOU SAY Z

DOGZILLA

MY ATOMIC WAVE PROJECTOR WILL INCREASE THE YIELD OF THESE SUGAR FROSTED LUMPS A THOUSANDFOLD!

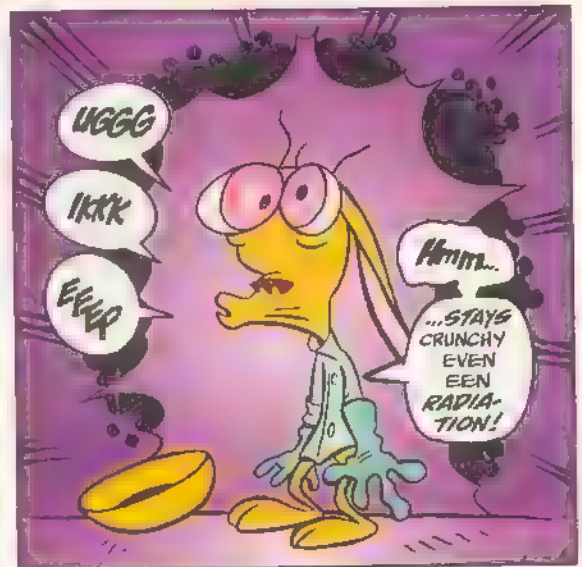
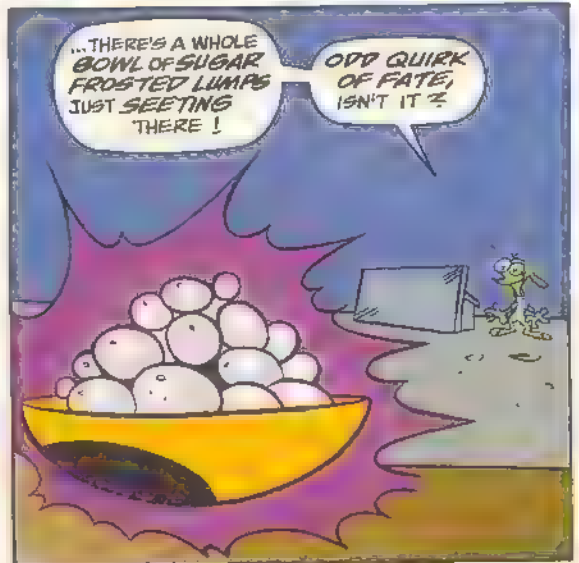
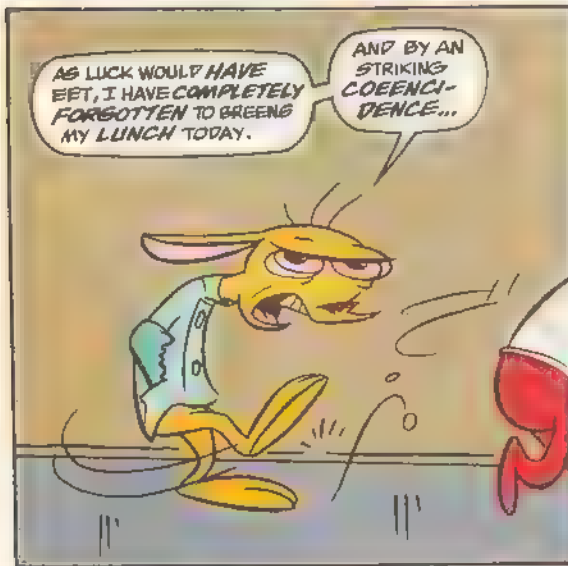
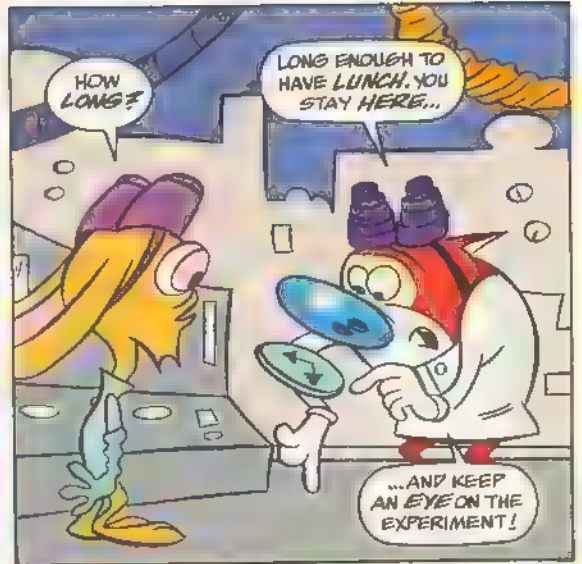
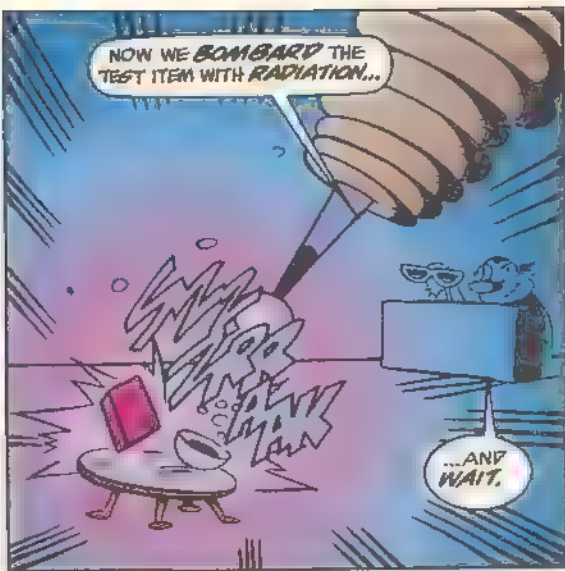
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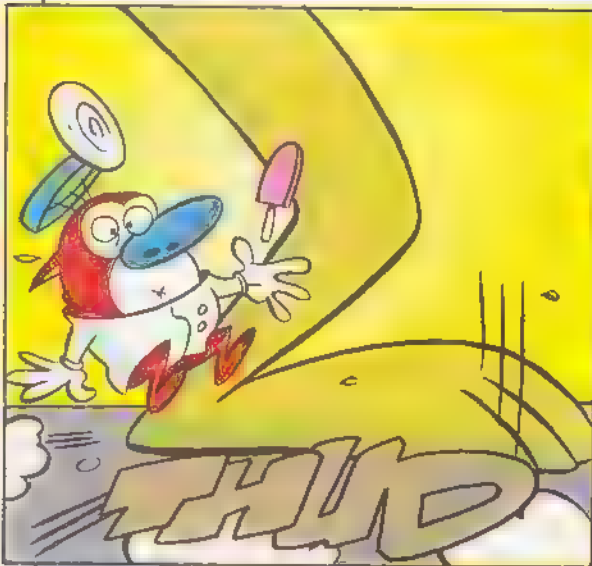
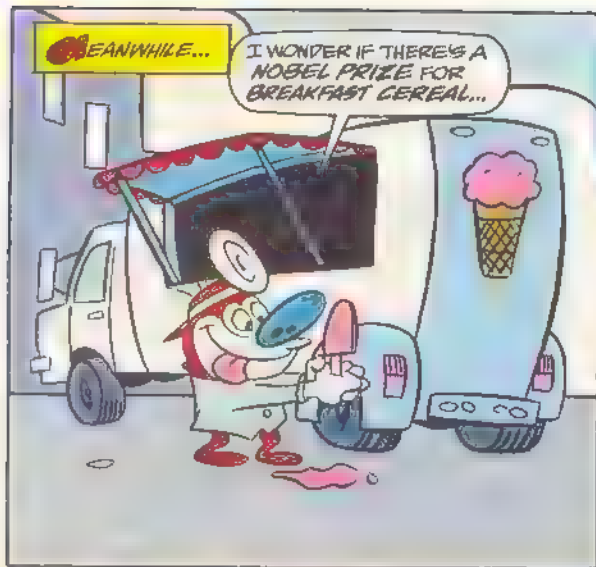
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BENSON • MITCHRONEY • MCKIM • LAZ • JORCE • LACKEY • DeFALCO
SCRIPT PENCILS INKS COLORS LETTERS EDITS EDITOR IN CHIEF

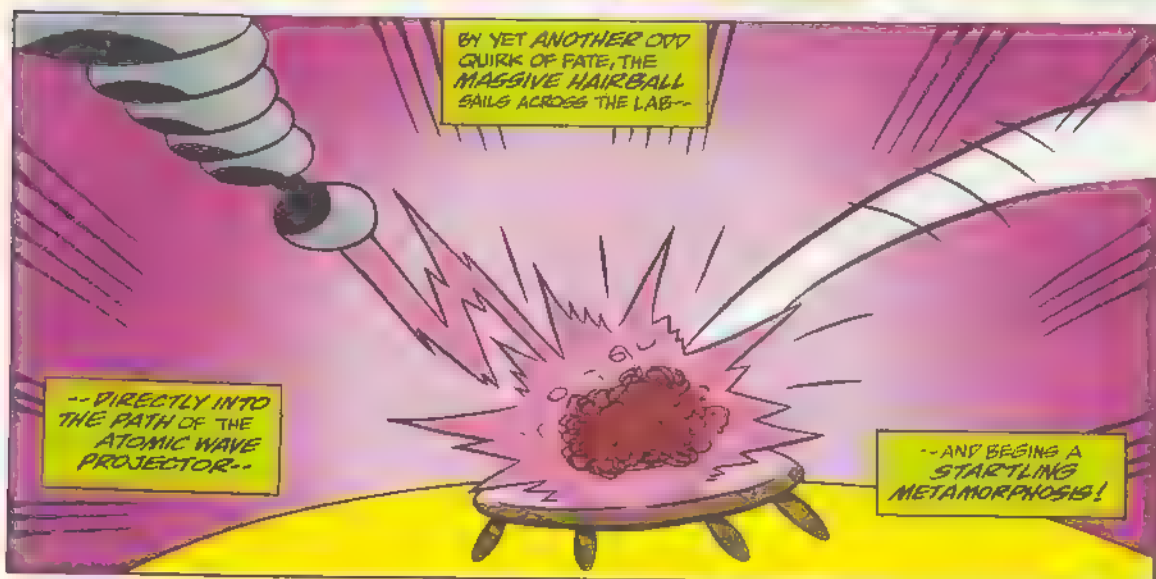
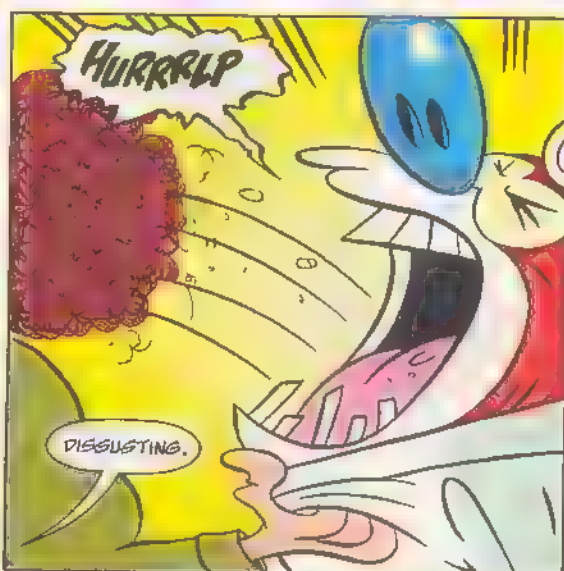
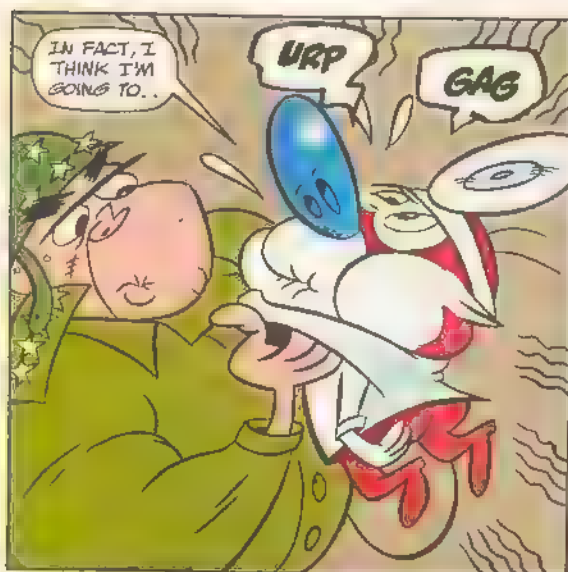
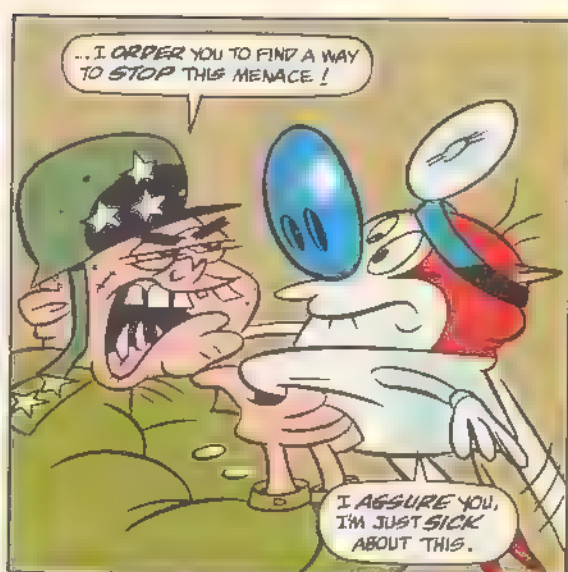
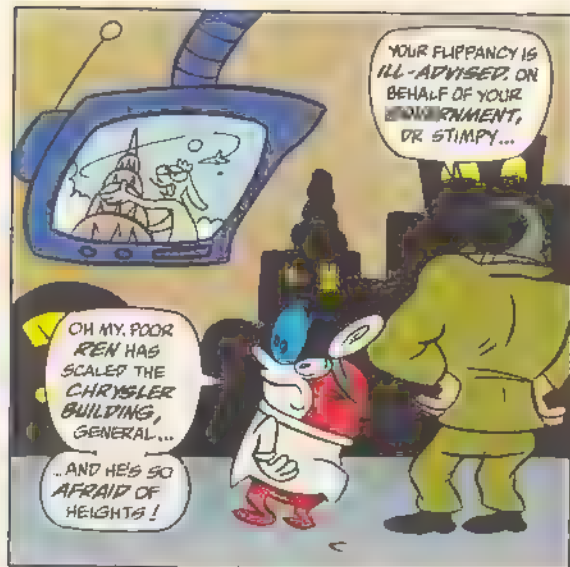
THIS COULD BE A BOON TO MANKIND, YOU KNOW!

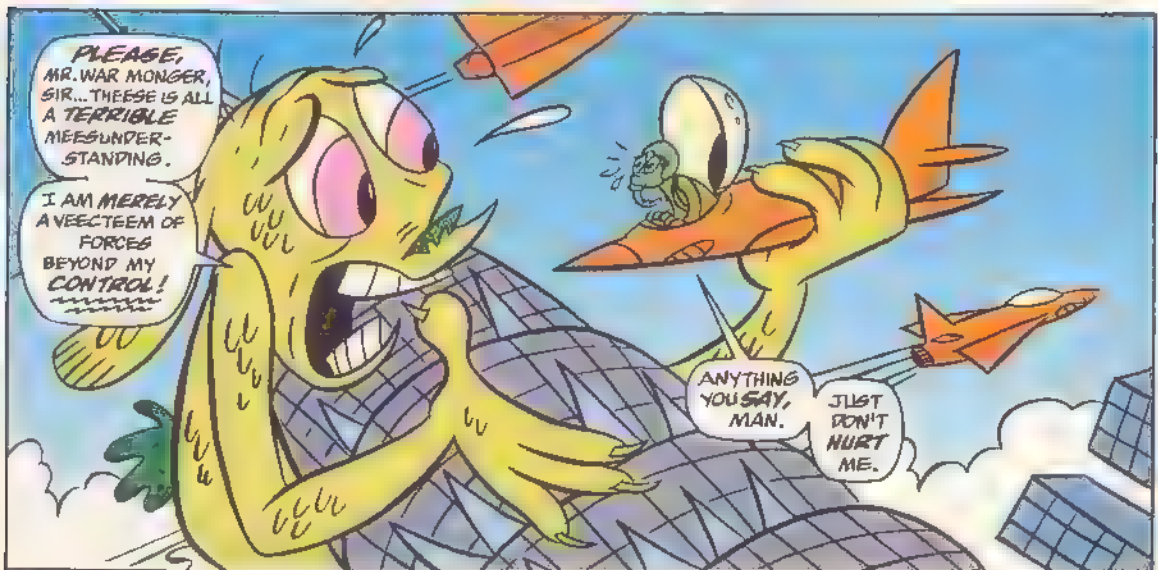
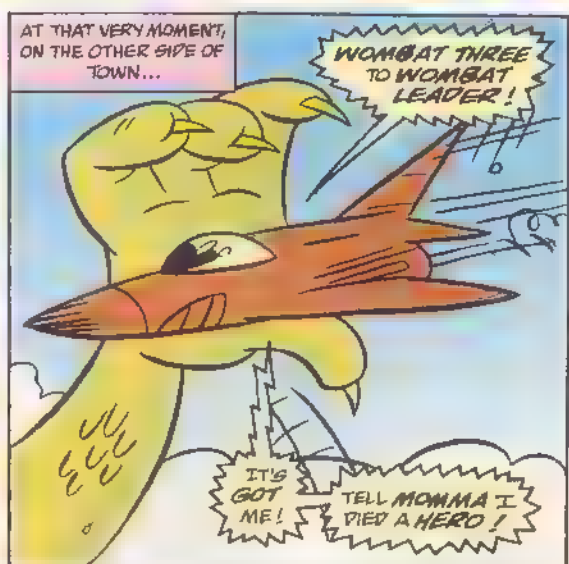
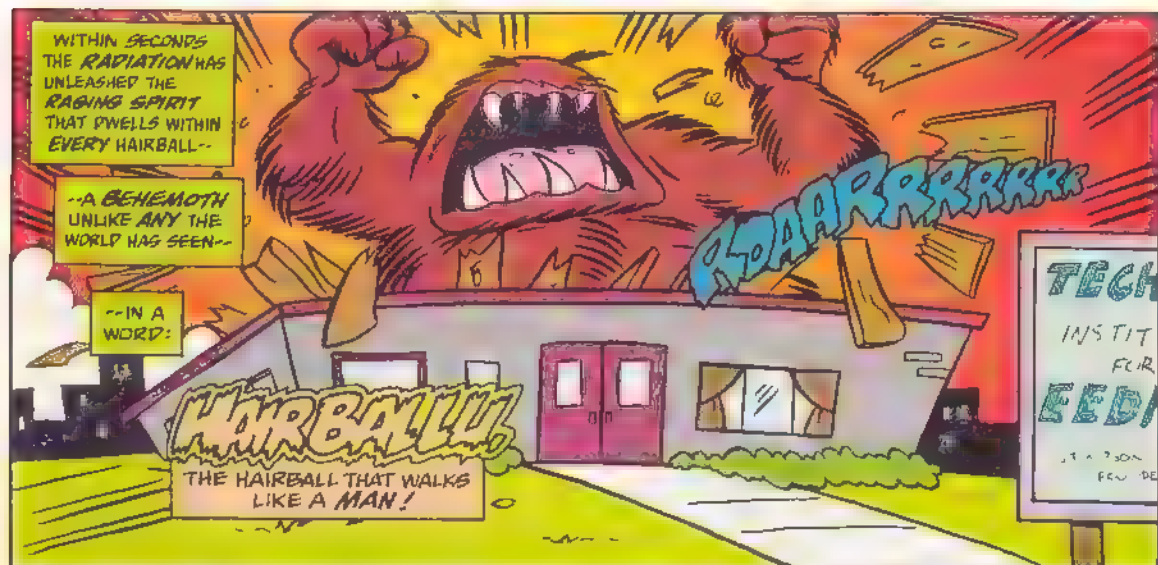
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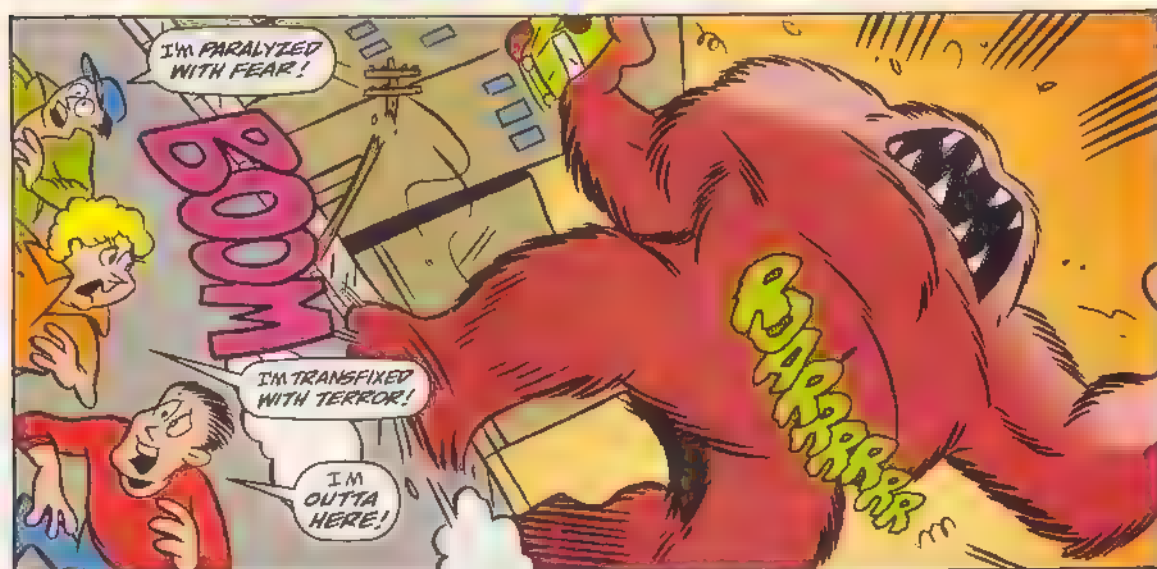








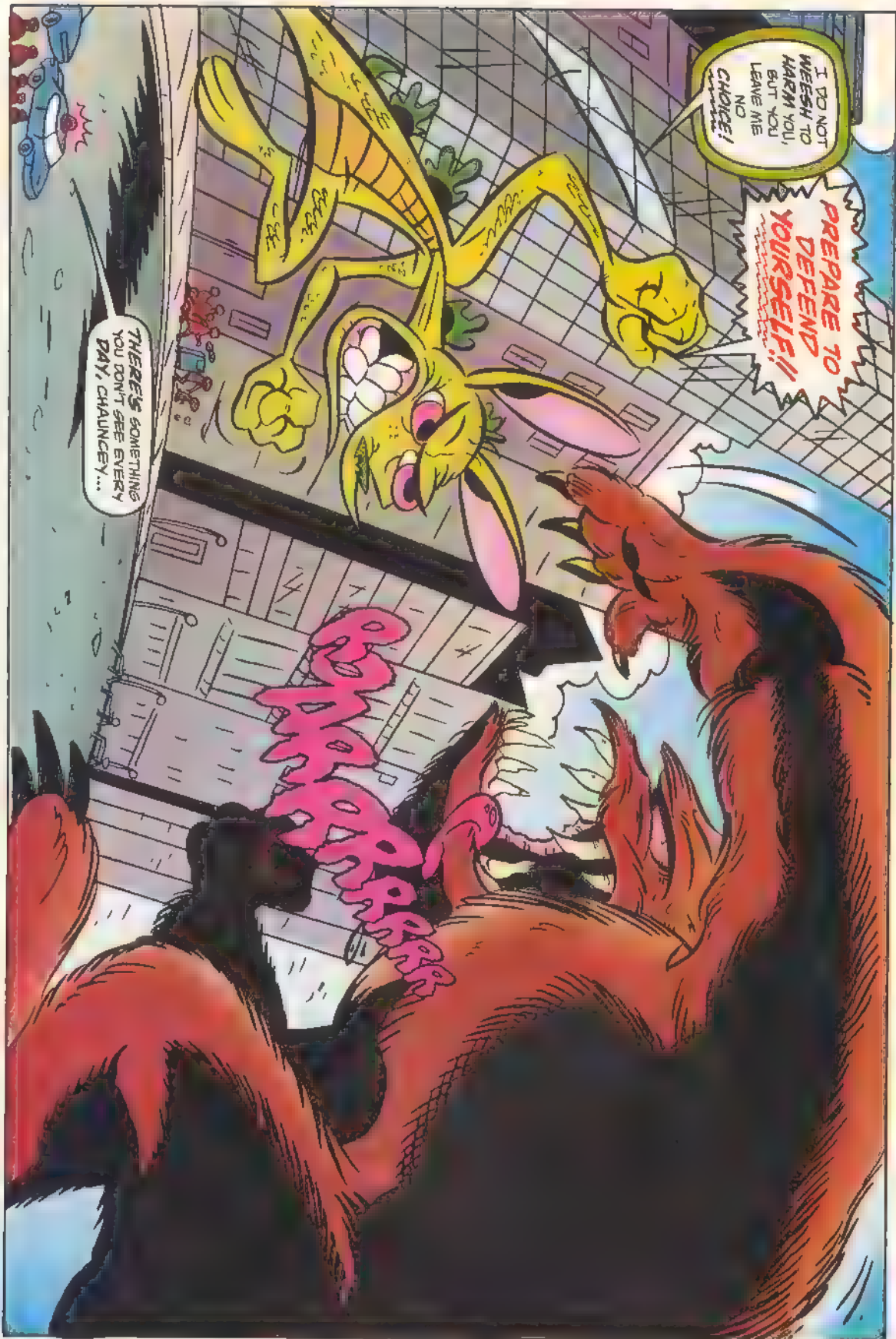




I DO NOT
WEEESH TO
HARM YOU,
BUT YOU
LEAVE ME
NO
CHOICE!
WEEESH

**PREPARE TO
DEFEND
YOURSELF!!**

THERE'S SOMETHING
YOU DON'T SEE EVERY
DAY, CHAUNCEY...



SMASH

EN GARDE!
BANZAI!

HAVE AT
YOU!
HOO-
HA!

WOOF

Whoa...
LUNCH
BREAK,
MAN.

THEENK
IT'S GONNA
RAIN?

HOPE NOT.
JUST WASHED
MY CAR.

BAM!

HONK

LUNCH!

YOUR DAYS
ARE
NUMBERED,
HAIRBALLU...

..YOUR
DEFEAT
EES AT
HAND!

TWEET!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

NEWSLINE

ITEM! On June 18, Sotheby's held their annual comic art auction. This year, one of the main attractions of the auction were the authorized re-drawn covers from three of Marvel's all-time greatest artists: **Jack Kirby**, **Dick Ayers**, and **John Romita, Sr.** Each artist re-created various covers that he had originally drawn back in the sixties!

(The Kirby pieces were among the final works he created before he passed away!) The pieces fetching the highest prices were the re-drawn cover from **FANTASTIC FOUR #1** by Kirby & Ayers, which sold for \$13,000, and a new version of the cover to **AMAZING FANTASY #15** (first appearance of Spider-Man), which went for \$9,500. All of the profits from the sale of this artwork went to the artists (or, in Kirby's case, his estate). Each artist contributed one redrawn cover to **Mighty Marvel**, and these pieces will remain proudly on display in our halls for all time!

ITEM! Prepare to be astonished! This week, we release **TALES TO ASTONISH**, a 64-page bookshelf-format comic teaming the Hulk, Hank Pym, and the Wasp in a mission to prevent the end of the universe! Writer **Peter David** called the new **TALES TO ASTONISH** "evocative of the earliest days of Marvel," as it pays homage to the beloved **TALES TO ASTONISH** series from the sixties which was shared by the Hulk and the Pym. (Hank Pym was in his Ant-Man and Giant-Man identities back then!)

When Peter noticed that his cast included three-fifths of the original Avengers lineup, he decided to harken back to the classic tale from **AVENGERS #1**, where **Loki** brought that team together. Borrowing a page from the origin of Thor, the new **TALES TO ASTONISH** has an ordinary mortal — "a psychotic madman" — imbued with the

power of **Loki**, through a dagger containing **Loki's** essence.

The fully-painted art for **TTA** is provided by **John Estes**. When asked if this epic truly is an astonishing tale, Peter responded, "I would say so! When I first saw the art, I thought it was astonishing!"



ITEM!

What if... a Marvel editor left our New York office and headed out to the West Coast, to serve as assistant to **Stan "the Man" Lee** himself? That's exactly what happened to **NEW WARRIORS** editor **Rob Tokar**, who took his last bite out of the Big Apple in early August and moved to Los Angeles. Stan's been pretty busy work-

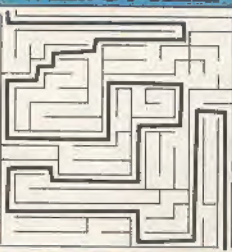
ing on Marvel's movie and TV deals the past few years, but he's got some top secret comic book projects in the works, and he wanted some help!

When asked about the new position, Rob stated, "The thing that attracted me most is Stan's enthusiasm. He's as excited today as he was when he first started out in the business!" Although he will miss East Coast pizza (and the **NEW WARRIORS** books), Rob felt he was ready for a change, "after struggling through ice storms this winter!" Rob said he hopes his tenure in sunny California lasts longer than the run of the **WEST COAST AVENGERS**!

ITEM! A few years back, **Wolverine** and **Nick Fury** starred in a graphic novel called **THE SCORPIO CONNECTION**. Now, the mutant maniac and the sprightly superspy are reunited in an all-new bookshelf format comic called **SCORPIO RISING**, written by **Howard Chaykin** and drawn by **Shawn McManus**. Editor **Nel Yomtov** calls **SCORPIO RISING** "a worthy follow-up to the massively successful **SCORPIO CONNECTION**; it was well worth the wait!" Nel had high praise for "the crisp storytelling of **Howard Chaykin**," as well as the "terrific art" of **Shawn McManus**. **SCORPIO RISING** is a 48-page graphic novel which sells for \$5.95.

ITEM! How did **Frank Castle** go from Viet Nam War veteran to costumed vigilante? Find out in **PUNISHER: YEAR ONE** — a four-issue limited series beginning this week, written by **Dan Abnett & Andy Lanning**, with pencils by **Dale Eaglesham**. If you think you know the Punisher's origin, think again! **PUNISHER: YEAR ONE** contains much never-before-revealed information! Editor **Don Daley** raved about **P:YO**, saying "Hot on the heels of **DAREDEVIL: THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR**, comes a story whose greatness lies not in what happens but in how it happens!" Don concluded by calling **P:YO** "a holy pilgrimage, which everyone who's ever loved the Punisher must make!"

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



NOW ON SALE

- **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #150 MILESTONE:** No more cloning around! By Goodwin/Kane!
- **BEAUTY & THE BEAST #4:** Belle and the Beast attend a big ball! By Slaters/Quarter/Valetti!
- **CABLE #18:** Cable & Co. travel to Egypt in search of the **Dark Riders**! By Loeb/Sirocco/Sellers!
- **CAPTAIN AMERICA #434:** Introducing the wildest patriotic hero of all — **Jack Flag**! By Gruenwald/Hoover/Bulanadi!
- **DAREDEVIL #335:** **Bushwhacker** wants to whack DDI. By Wright/Grindberg/Kryssing!
- **DARKHAWK #48:** Darkhawk is dying of a mysterious virus! By Fingerhuth/T. Smith!
- **DOCTOR WHO #218:** The Doctor slugs it out with a giant slug! By

- **Briggs/Andrew!**
- **DOCTOR WHO: THE AGE OF CHAOS:** Doc faces dragons & dinosaurs! By Baker/Mitchell/Burns!
- **DOCTOR WHO: THE DALEK CHRONICLES:** Can you loan me a Dalek? By Whitaker/Jennings/Turner & Eden!
- **FANTASTIC FORCE #2:** **Moses** has a commandment: Kill the **Fantastic Force**! By Brevoort & Kantorovich/Bastienon/Cabral!
- **FORCE WORKS #6:** Iron Man and War Machine — captured by the **Mandarin**! By Abnett & Lanning/Taylor/Garcia!
- **GROO THE WANDERER #119:** Groo meets a warrior who wields no weapons! By Aragones/Evanier!
- **NAMOR #57:** Father vs. son!

- **Namor battles Lyron** for the fate of Atlantis! By Herdling/Isherwood!
- **PROWLER #2 OF 4:** It's a war of the vigilantes with **Prowler** and **Nightcrawler**! By Potts/Reinhold!
- **PUNISHER ASHCAN:** Everything you ever wanted to know about the Punisher!
- **PUNISHER: YEAR ONE #1:** Frank fires his first shot — and you are there! By Abnett & Lanning/Eaglesham!
- **REN & STIMPY #25:** Stimp's imaginary friend comes alive! Die-cut cover! By Benson & Dutter/Mitchrone/Kazaleh!
- **SOLO #4:** **Spider-Man** guest stars as **Solo** combats the sickness of **Cygnus**! By Fein/Randall/DeLaRosa!
- **SPIDER-MAN 2099 #26:** It's a

- tragedy, as a town sics **Travesty** on Spidey! By David/St. Pierre/Palmioti!
- **SPIDER-MAN MEGAZINE #3:** Classic clashes with **Juggernaut** and **Morbis**!
- **TALES TO ASTONISH #1:** Just like in the 60's — the **Hulk**, **Hank Pym** and the **Wasp**! By David/Estes!
- **UNCANNY X-MEN #319:** Iceman gets a chilly reception from **Emma Frost**! By Lobdell/Cruz/Green!
- **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #119:** **Venom** has a clone to pick with you! By Kavanagh/Butler/Emberlin!
- **WOLVERINE/FURY: SCORPIO RISING:** **Scorpio** steals the **Zodiac Key**! By Chaykin/McManus!
- **X-MEN ADVENTURES TRADE PAPERBACK:** Reprinting four more X-torials!



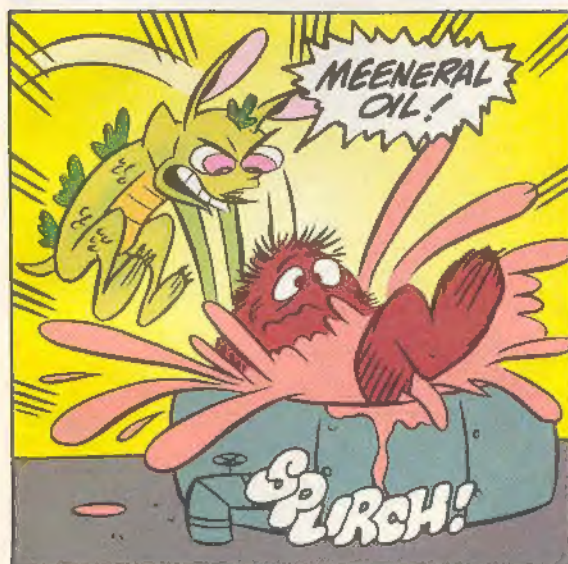
YOU HAVE
MADE A
FATAL
MISTAKE!

AS THE FORMER ROOM-
MATE OF A WELL-
KNOWN CAT...
...I HAVE LEARNED THE
SECRET TO DEALING
WEETH YOUR KIND!



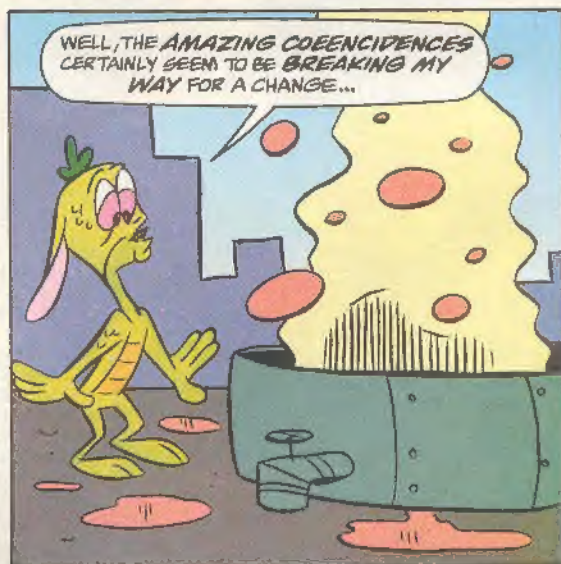
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THERE JUST
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TO BE A NEARBY
FACTORY...

...THAT SPECIALIZES
IN THE MANUFACTURE
OF...

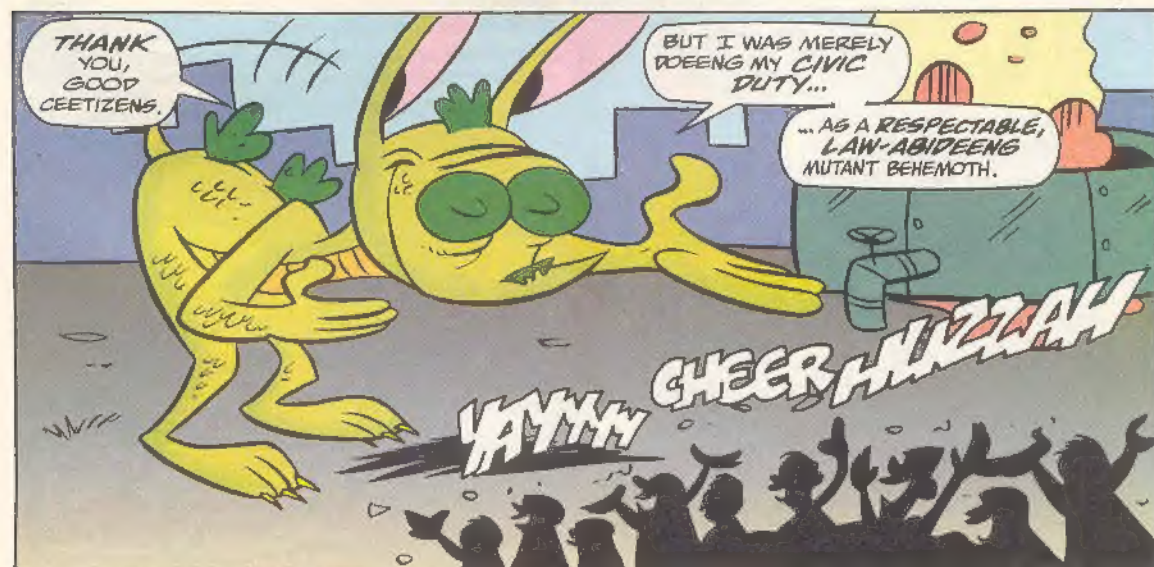


MEENERAL
OIL!

SPLURCH!



WELL, THE AMAZING COINCIDENCES
CERTAINLY SEEM TO BE BREAKING MY
WAY FOR A CHANGE...

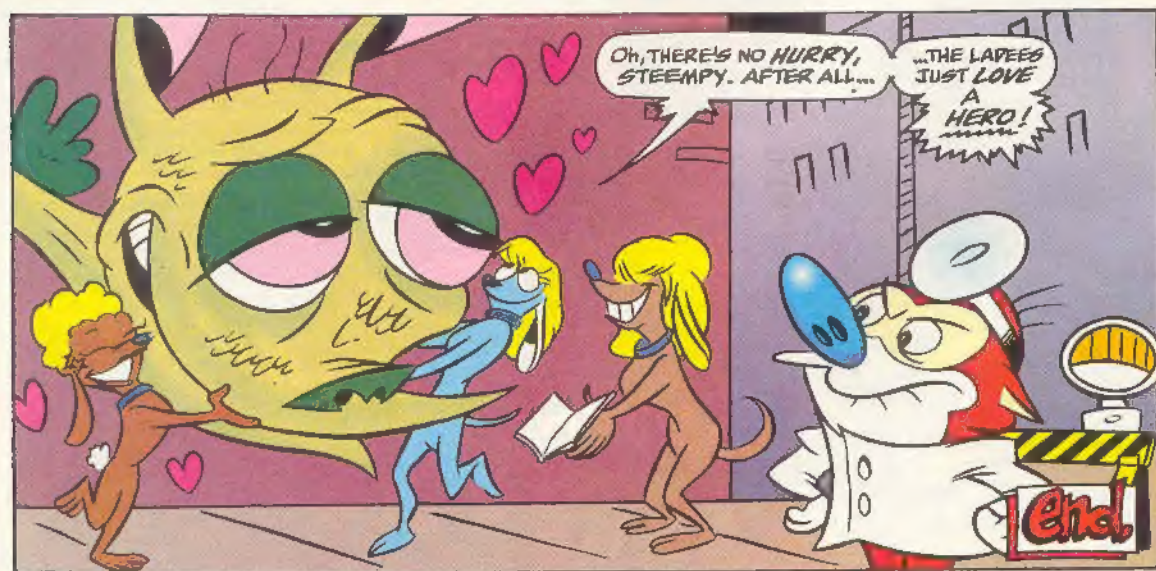
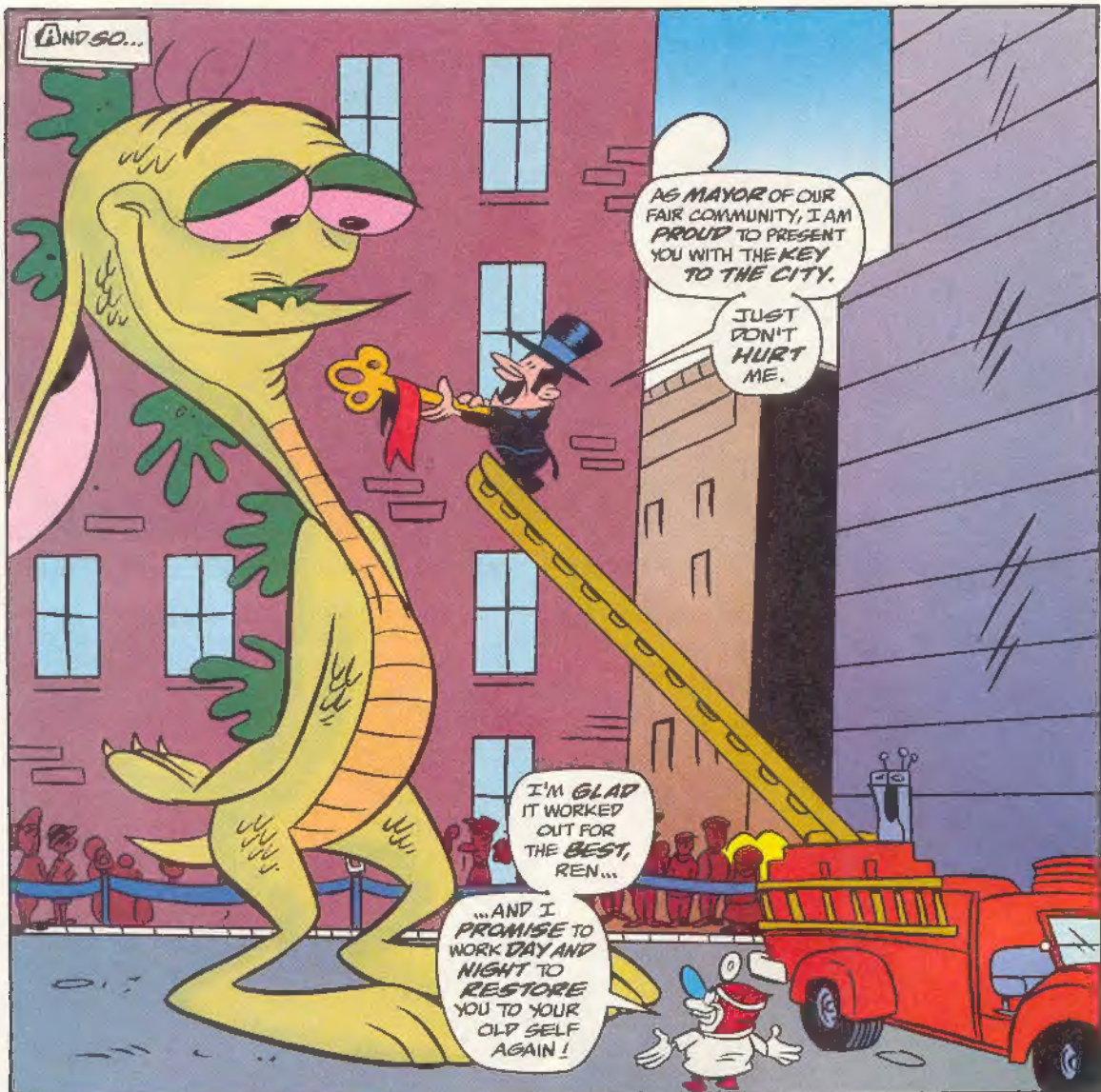


THANK
YOU,
GOOD
CETIZENS.

BUT I WAS MERELY
DOING MY CIVIC
DUTY...

...AS A RESPECTABLE,
LAW-ABIDING
MUTANT BEHEMOTH.

YAYYY CHEER HURRAH



ASK DR. STUPID

"WORLD FAMOUS"
MIKE LACKEY
GROOVY EDITOR DUDE

KIDS! SEND YOUR
CARDS AND LETTERS

ASK DR. STUPID
56 MARVEL COMICS
387 PARK AVE. 50.
N.Y.C. 10016



MESSAGE FROM MIKE

You Eeadiots!

As you know by now, **REN & STIMPY SHOW** #25 celebrates over two years of wacky hylinx, gross gags, and giant-size guffaws and *Hoo-Hai!* humor that put this book on the top of the heap.

And just *who* is responsible for these past five hundred and fifty pages of nifty nuttiness? Here's your official list, Marvelites: Dan Slott, Sholly Fisch, Steven Boyett, Mike Kazaleh, Barry Dutter, Scott Benson, Joey Cavalieri, and John Lewandowski have been our writers.

Mike Kazaleh, Ken Mitchroney, Albert "Buz" McKim, Mike Worley, Ty Templeton, Stephanie Gladden, Matt Maley, Darren Auck and Gary Fields have been our artists.

Coloring has been by Ed Lazellari, Chi, Paul Becton, and Mark Bernardo.

Lettering has been by Brad K. Joyce, Loretta Krol, Sue Craspi, and Jeff Powell.

Fabian Nicieza, "World Famous" Mike Lackey, and Tim Tuohy have been your editors, assisted by Carlos Lopez, and the bald-headed Herb Ascherman.

Our pals at Nick have been Susan Lopusniak, Will McRobb and Michele Labitcner.

That brings our grand total of **REN & STIMPY SHOW** contributors to 33 folks, not to mention all of our pals in the Mighty Marvel Bulpen who slave away each month, obsessing over each minute detail, or Romita's Raiders, who have made many a last minute correction!

Thanks to *all* of you! And especially to *you*, the readers, who have helped make this book such a hit!

Here's to another 25!

Hoo-HAI!
MIKE
Mike

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Why do cats hate water?

Christopher M. Godek
Astoria, New York

Have you seen what passes for water in Astoria, Christopher?

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Why do animals "mark" their territory in that "dirty" way? I wouldn't do that to something I wanted!

Paul Crawford
559 E. Pleasant St.
Mt. Vernon, MO

Memo to Paul Crawford: "Please stay away from my car."

Dear Dr. Stupid,

If a man walked south and his wife walked west and his dog walked north and his cat walked east and their ultimate destination is west, but the dog changed directions and went east after the cat, who would be the first to reach west?

Jason Ravenhorst
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
11418-41 Ave
T6J-0T8

The wife. And they call me stupid.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Why aren't cereal boxes round?

Bill Duncan
(address withheld)

Because then they'd have to participate in yucky organized sports!

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Do toilets have to go to school to learn their job? If so, do they have a union?

Mark Wright
12 Ivy Lane
Milford, MA

The answer to both questions is, Yes!!

Dear Dr. Stupid,

I know the speed of sound is 1,088 feet per second, and the speed of light is 186,000 miles per hour, but what is the speed of smell?

Candice Ede
1036 G Street
Anch, AK, 99501

Unlike sound or light, the speed of smell is purely subjective to the smell-ee.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

I am 12 years old and am from Mexico, *The Amigo Country*. I have only read your amazing comic for five months. I know you're very busy, making kids the world over happy, but I had to ask you this question.

When people say, *That Stupid Doctor!*, are they talking about you?

Ulises Santamaria
Calle de las salinas # 23
Col. San Pedro
C.P. 56152 Texcoco Edo. De Mexico
MEXICO

Si, they are.

And now, a special verdict, mi amigos! We will no longer accept letters who's addresses are longer than the letter themselves.

And a special thanks to the following eadiots who wrote to us: Christine Anstone, Richard Anstone, Norman Aunely, Derrick Bellew, Jennifer Bigg, Patrick Boyce, Dan Budd, Austin Burley, John Cameron, Cody Chytky, Jim Comis, Jenny Cullen, Pat Doherty, Deborah Doughty, Michael Fank, Robert Kane, Alec Kerr, Trully Larry, Sara Logan, Rod Lucas, Adam Patwell, Devon M. Roth, Marianne Saliccia, Mike Schmidts, Eric Scoffman, Tina Stricklia, Brad Tucker, Balin M. Vacari, and Bree Welder!

Next Issue: Go on a road trip with Stimpy and Sven, in a tail called *Are There Yet?* By Scott, Ken, & Albert (tho' he wants us to call him Buz!). Then, it's time for a PARTY, courtesy of Barry and the returning Mike! See you in 30!

